कार्य की गति बढ़ाने के लिये निर्माता एजेंसियों को सभी स्तरों पर कड़ी निगरानी रखने के अतिरिक्त कार्य स्थल के प्रबंध को सुधारने तथा अतिरिक्त संयंत्र, उपकरण और सामग्री जुटाने के लिये कहा गया है ।

Extension of Central Transport Subsidy Scheme for North-Eastern States

3791. SHRI HIPHEI; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have decided to extend the period of Central Transport Subsidy Scheme for North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details therof, with background;

(c) whether Government propose to ask the entrepreneurs to set up industrial units Of make long term plans for investment in the North Eastern Region, in view of extension in Transport subsidy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYT. LER). (a) to (d) The question of extension of Transport Subsidy Sche-me is under consideration of the Govemment.

Roaster System for SCs/STs i„ National Institute of Port Management

3792. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Port Manage ment is not following the Roaster system for recruitment of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Sche-duled Tribes;

(b) if so, what action was taken by the Ministry of Surface Trans port for maintaining the Roaster for the SCs|STs; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above in the negative, what are the details regarding the names of the persons appointed against the SC/ST posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYT. LER); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Institute of Port Management (NIPM) is neither a Central Government Department/ Office, nor a Public Sector Undertaking/ Autonomous Body created by the Parliament. It is a Society registered under the Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act, 1975. Moreover, the total number of employees of NIPM is 47—7 belonging to Class I and Class II and 40 belonging to Class III and Class IV posts. Of these 30 employees are in five different categories of posts and 17 are in single-vacancy and job-spiecific posts. Hence, the question of applicability of Roaster System does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Recruitment and Service Rules in National Institute of Port Management

3793. *SHRI* MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Port Management, Madras has not followed any specific set of Recruitment and Service Rules for its employees; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons that the Institute has not come for. ward to frame specific set of rules for its employees and circulate the same to each individual employee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYT-LER); (a) and (b) No Sir. The National Institute of Port Manage-

ment (NIPM) has its specific Rules and Regulations, duly approved by the Governing Body in Sept. 1992 A copy of Rules and Regulations has been placed in the library and notice has been given to all its employees to persue, xerox extracts and to aquint themselves with the said Rules and Regulations.

Non-utilization of Prime Computers in the National Institute of Port Management

3794. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amount was invested in the purchase of sophisticated Prime Computers for the National Institute of Port Management, Madras which are lying idle since the date of installation, without serving the purpose for which they were purchased;

(b) if so, whether this fact was informed to the Ministry of Surface Transport; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Ministry of Surface Transport for proper utilisation of the said sophisticated Prime Computers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYT. LER): (a) to (c) One Prime Super Mini Computer was purchased by the National Institute of Port Management (NIPM) at a cost of Rs. 12.95 lakhs and installed on 24.6.89. Due to voltage fluctuation in the rural grid, where the NIPM was shifted in Oct., 1989, the computer went out of order from 27.9.90. The supplier firm was requested to rec-tify the defects. The company failed to taken any remedial action. A legal notice was served on them on 13.10.92 to either rectify the system or to take back the computer and refund the cost thereof with interest. A final notice was again sent to the firm on 10.3.

93. As *the* supplier did not responded to this notice, a Civil Suit has been filed against them on 30.4.93 for breach of contractual obligation at the High Court of Madras, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Body of NIPM. The Ministry was informed of ths position by NIPM on 26th July, 1993. The matter is still pedhing with the Madras High Court.

Recognition to Radar Communication Course in the National Institute of Port Management

3795. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director General Shipping has not recognised/approved the National Institute of Port Management, Madras trun the radar Communication Course in the Institute; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for rejecting recognition/approval of the Radar Communisation Course in the National Institute if Port Management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYT. LER): (a) National Institute of Port Management, Madras, has never made any request for approval to condact Radar Communication Course to the Director General of Shipping The Institute had made a request for granting approval for commenciment of Radar Observers' Course in June, 1993, which was not approved by the Director General of Shipping.

(b) The National Institute of Port Management, Madras, has been set up mainly for conducting Port related Courses. The Radar Observers Course relates to maritime studies and does not form pert of the Port related Courses.